

Today's Topics:

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Date: Mon, 16 Oct 89 13:18:50 EDT
From: es!Tim_McNamara_office@harvard.harvard.edu
Subject: Heath SB101 enhancements

Does anyone have a list of Heathkit SB-101 updates, enhancements, modifications, or just plain 'ol good info on this radio ?

I'd be greatful for life.

Thanks & 73,
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Date: Wed, 18 Oct 89 19:39:05 EDT
From: tkelso@afit-ab.arpa (TS Kelso)
Subject: NASA Prediction Bulletins: Space Shuttle

The most current orbital elements from the NASA Prediction Bulletins are carried on the Celestial RCP/M, (513) 427-0674, and are updated several times weekly. Documentation and tracking software are also available on this system. As a service to the satellite user community, the most current elements for the current shuttle mission are provided below. The Celestial RCP/M may be accessed 24 hours/day at 300, 1200, or 2400 baud using 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

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Date: 18 Oct 89 06:07:11 GMT
From: tenspeed@tc.fluke.COM (Jim Ehrmin)
Subject: Phonepatches to San Fransisco

As I write this note it has been approximately 5 1/2 hours since the tragic earthquake in San Fransisco. I have been monitoring the news on my television all evening and have heard repeated requests on the 3 major networks requesting that people should NOT try to call the San Fransisco area.

However, as I listen to my shortware radio I have heard several hams collecting phone numbers from other hams around the country who were trying to get in touch with relatives and loved ones.

We certainly all understand how anxious we would be to try and confirm the safety of relatives and loved ones but isn't this taking advantage of the situation? Somehow this struck me as being inappropriate. Am I missing something here? Is this part of normal emergency operations?

Please don't regard my question as a flame. I am very grateful for the service that ham radio can and does provide during emergency situations. How nice it would be if the American public would understand the importance of ham radio.

Jim Ehrmin
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Date: 18 Oct 89 19:55:56 GMT
From: katzmann@robotics.jpl.nasa.gov
Subject: Phonepatches to San Fransisco

I was one of those concerned about family members in the bay area. In particular my 81 year old grandfather in Concord, Ca. So about an hour after the quake I asked a ham in the area to give him a call to see if he was alright. Everything was fine luckily. This was not a phone patch, it was a simple one-way message transfered with the aid of ham radio.

The main reason for posting here is just to say how upset I was to hear some of the emergency ham nets getting jammed last night. These jammers are very sick individuals!! I felt that if they could be caught that their necks should be ringed and their equipment destroyed. These are probably feeble little insecure twirps with nothing better to do!

Anyway, I was curious if this kind of activity accompanied the emergency ham activities of Hurricane Hugo on the east coast, or are all the fruits and nuts out here in California?

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Date: 18 Oct 89 20:20:00 GMT
From: phil@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu
Subject: Phonepatches to San Fransisco

One of the problems in a situation like this is that the long distance phone lines of all the carriers become totally clogged with telephone calls. News reports I've heard indicate at least one company has controlled their call routing so that no calls except placed by an operator will go through so that the phone lines remain open for the important calls.

Because phone service IN THE AFFECTED AREA is spotty, it is more prudent to allow those who do have working phone service to call OUT to inform friends and relatives that they are ok, than it is to allow outsiders to call IN to find out, when a large portion of these calls will be wasted to dead service areas.

Ham radio traffic can be of great value to the general public by forwarding messages of this ("we are all ok") type. Even so, outbound messages should have higher priority than inbound ones.

I personally would like to hear about what INTRA Bay Area ham radio activity is taking place. I suspect that we will hear about this, but not immediately.

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